

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 683

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A RESOLUTION relative to the placement of a monument  
honoring David Crockett on the grounds of the  
State Capitol.

WHEREAS, David Crockett is of one of Tennessee's most notable native sons, and his life in public service epitomizes the concept of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, David Crockett is revered as a pioneer, frontiersman, soldier, statesman, backwoods orator, and, most of all, a man of the people, and he will always be remembered as an heroic participant in the Battle of the Alamo, in which he made the ultimate sacrifice of his life to preserve the independence of the Republic of Texas; and

WHEREAS, both lengthy and impressive, David Crockett's record of public service includes two terms in the Tennessee General Assembly and three terms representing Tennessee in the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, because of his iconic stature, the General Assembly enacted Chapter 1064 of the Public Acts of 2012, (Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 8, Part 4) to create a commission "to identify ways and means and raise the necessary funds to erect a monument or statue honoring David Crockett on the grounds of the state capitol as a permanent tribute to one of Tennessee's most prominent citizens throughout its history."; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, § 4-8-403, requires the David Crockett Commission to "consult with the state capitol commission relative to all aspects of the monument or statue honoring David Crockett, and the state capitol commission must give final approval of the design of such monument or statue prior to its erection."; and

WHEREAS, as we move ever closer to the reality of erecting this tribute to David Crockett with private funds, we should specify its location on the State Capitol grounds; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that this body urges the State Capitol Commission to require the new statue or monument honoring David Crockett to be erected on the platform atop the Motlow Tunnel on the State Capitol grounds in lieu of the statue of Senator Edward Carmack presently located there.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the David Crockett Commission and the State Capitol Commission.